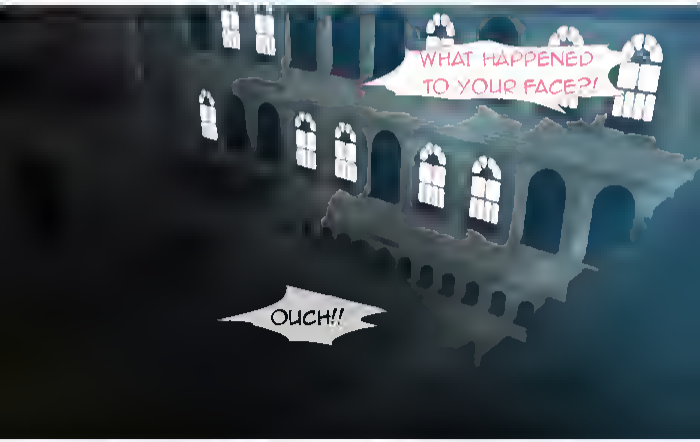
GO BACK TO YOUR DEPARTMENT AND REPORT THAT HIA AND I ARE NOT SUSPECTS ANY MORE. YOU'LL NEED TO HELP US ESCAPE THE DRAGNET.
IF YOU DO IT WELL, I'LL GIVE YOU MORE HELP

UNTIL YOU CATCH RAN AND KILL HIM.
...YOU'RE CRAZY.
HOW CAN I REFUSE WHEN YOU'RE OFFERING SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

LET'S WORK AS HARD AS MOM TAUGHT US.
THE 73RD BOX


WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?!
OUCH!!

OH MY GOSH ..!!
LOOK AT THIS
BRUISE!!!
!
OOF...OOOUCH...
YOU HAD A FIGHT?!
WHO DID YOU FIGHT
WITH, THIS TIME?!
I DIDN'T FIGHT.
I JUST GOT BEATEN UP.

AND I PROVOKED HIM FIRST.
AS I APPROACHED TO HIS FOSTER SON, HE HIT ME STRAIGHT IN MY FACE... LIKE THIS!
SHAKE
SHAKE
FYI, I THINK GIRLS LOOK THE BEST WHEN THEY CARE FOR ME.
KASIN? DID KASIN DO THIS?

I TOLD YOU TO HIT HIM BACK IF YOU GET HIT BY SOMEONE!!
WHY DIDN'T YOU PUNCH HIM BACK?!

GO BEAT HIM UP!!
YOU'RE NOT THAT WEAK TO GET BEATEN UP BY THAT OLD GUY!!
BUT I'M NOT THE KIND OF GUY WHO ENJOYS FIGHTING RISKING MY LIFE...!
JUST CALM DOWN AND SIT. I'VE GOT INTERESTING NEWS.
RUSTLE...

INTERESTING NEWS?
WHAT THE HELL? DO YOU WANT ME TO GO ON A BLIND DATE OR SOMETHING?
THAT'S A RECENT PICTURE OF RAN.
HE PUT RAN ON THE LINE TO MAKE A DEAL WITH ME.
HE ASKED TO WATCH HIS BACK IN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT RAN

SINCE WHEN WERE YOU TWO THAT CLOSE ENOUGH TO MAKE SUCH A DEAL?!
WE MADE A DEAL.
WE WILL DIE IF WE BREAK THE PROMISE.
SSH...
VII
YOU PROBABLY HAVE GOTTEN THE NUMBER VII(7) SOMEWHERE ON YOUR BODY, TOO.
THAT'S THE TOKEN OF THE PROMISE.

AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, MY MANA IS "THE RULE"
I INVITE A TARGET TO A RANDOM FIELD THAT I CREATE AND SET THE RULES.
THE SPACE TIME THAT WILL OPEN...

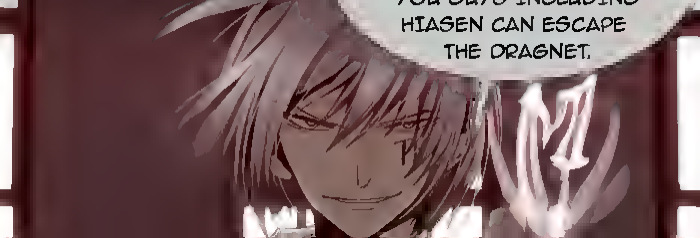
THE RULES OF THE GAME.
THE CONDITION TO CLEAR THE GAME.

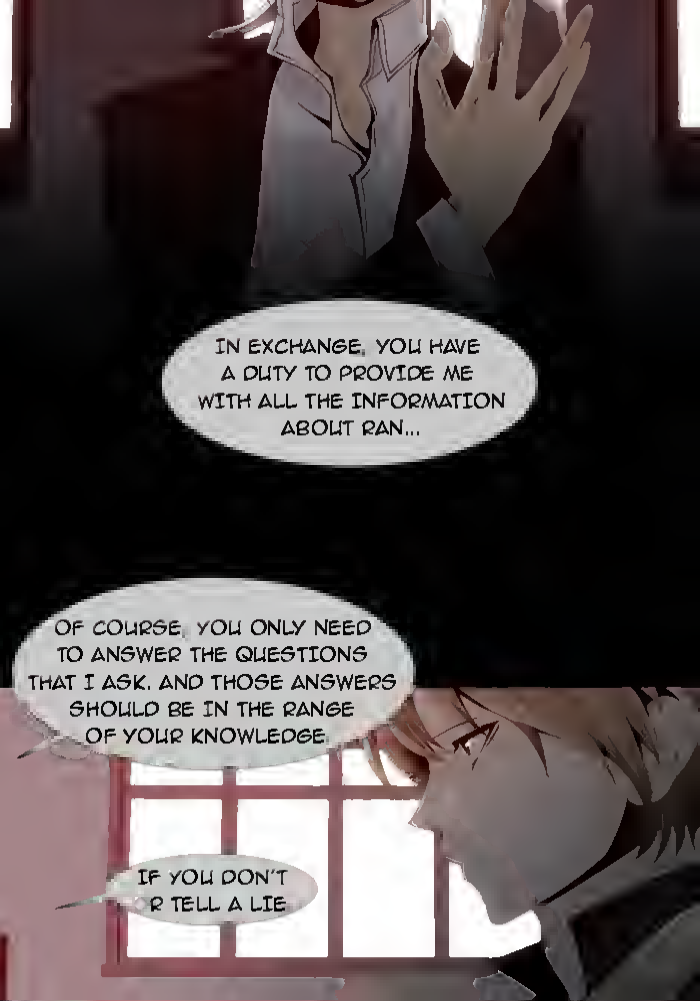
ALL THE PLAYERS WHO STEAL AND BE ROBBED IN THE GAME THAT HAS COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF RULES AND PROMISES.

THE GAME GIVEN TO US IS "VII(7)".

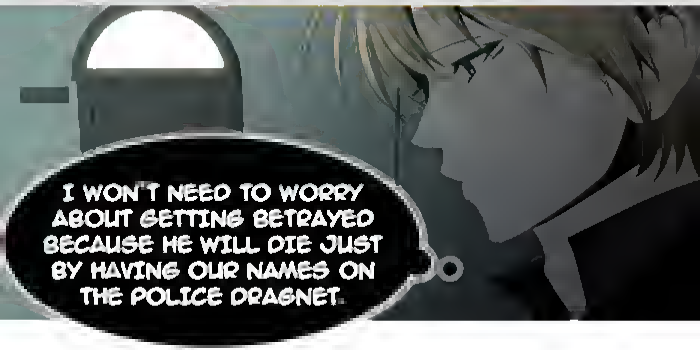
SINCE I'VE BECOME A CHESSMAN, I WON'T EVER TELL ANYTHING TO ANYONE ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION I HAD BEEN WORKING ON, INCLUDING KASIN AND NORI.

ALSO, I WILL DISTRACT OTHER INVESTIGATING OFFICERS, SO THAT YOU GUYS INCLUDING HIASEN CAN ESCAPE THE DRAGNET.




IN EXCHANGE, YOU HAVE A DUTY TO PROVIDE ME WITH ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT RAN...
OF COURSE, YOU ONLY NEED TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT I ASK. AND THOSE ANSWERS SHOULD BE IN THE RANGE OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE.
IF YOU DON'T R TELL A LIE

YOU WILL DIE.



SO, THIS IS HOW COOPERATION UNDER THE NEEDS WORKS...

WE CAN MAKE EACH OTHER DIE BY USING OUR BRAINS A BIT.

PLOD

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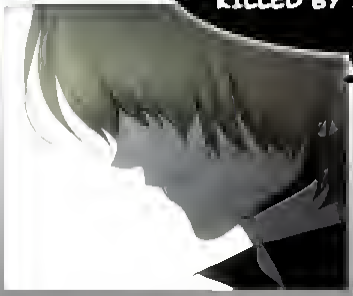
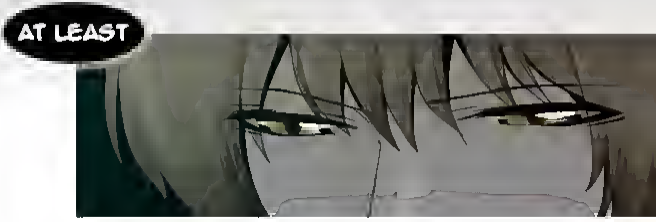
OH COURSE. I DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION TO GET KILLED BY YOU EVEN A BIT...



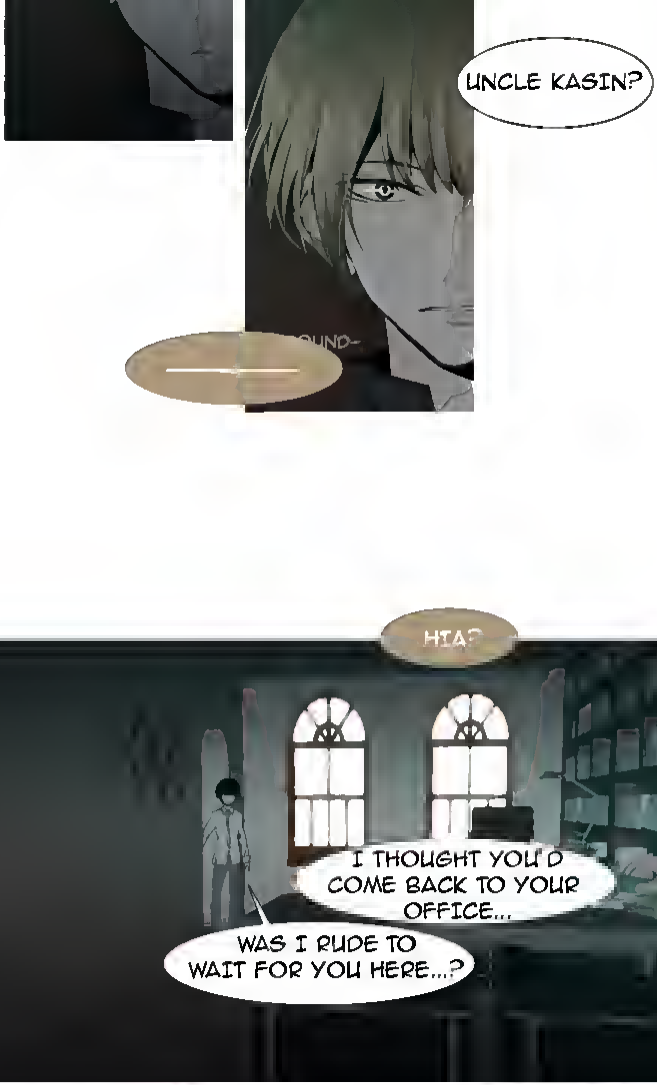
ALTHOUGH I'M A KID LIKE THIS, DON'T YOU EVER LEAVE ME, KASIN.
THEN, I WILL...
REALLY BE LEFT ALONE.



UNTIL THE TIME WHEN
HIA IS ABLE TO ACCEPT
THE REALITY AND LIVES ON
BY HIMSELF.

I'VE GOT TO TELL HIA ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED
CLINK-
APART FROM HIS FATHER, THIS IS ABOUT HIS OWN FUTURE...

EVEN IF HIA DESPISES ME..


UNCLE KASIN?
HIA?
I THOUGHT YOU'D COME BACK TO YOUR OFFICE...
WAS I RUDE TO WAIT FOR YOU HERE...?

N...NOT AT ALL...
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED...?
I HEARD FROM UNCLE NORI...
THAT YOU KNEW THAT I DYED MY HAIR-

I'M SORRY...
I CAME OVER TO APOLOGIZE
I'M SORRY...
YOU'VE BEEN TELLING ME NOT TO, BUT I KEPT TRYING TO OPEN THE BOX. I'M SO SORRY...

AFTER FINDING OUT THAT THERE IS A MEMORY OF YOU AND MY DAD INSIDE, I TRIED TO OPEN IT RECKLESSLY.

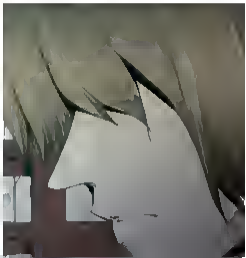
THEN I FOUND OUT THAT MY DAD HAD A GIRLFRIEND..
RATTLE-
WELL,
RATTLE-
WELL. TO TELL THE TRUTH. APART FROM THINGS ABOUT MY DAD, I WAS MORE UPSET ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU WERE HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME.

AND WHILE I WAS BEING CARELESS, I WAS CAUGHT BY THE POLICE THAT I'M THE SON OF A CRIMINAL...

I WAS WORRIED THAT YOU'D GET INTO A TROUBLE BECAUSE OF ME DOING WHATEVER I WANT...

OH, I'M NOT TRYING TO MAKE EXCUSES...

AND I'M NOT TRYING TO PUT YOU IN TROUBLE EITHER...



...THAT BOX... CAN ONLY BE OPEN BY YOUR MOTHER

THE PASSWORD FOR THE 73RD BOX IS "SENIKA"...

IS SHE... IS SHE REALLY MY MOTHER...?

RIGHT...

I WON'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU ANY MORE.

I HAVE SO MUCH TO TELL YOU INCLUDING WHAT HAPPENED TOD
I'M SO GLAD AND SORRY THAT YOU CAME HERE TO VISIT ME.

I'LL EXPLAIN THE STORIES ABOUT THE 73RD BOX AND YOUR MOTHER... EVERYTHING.

to be continued...